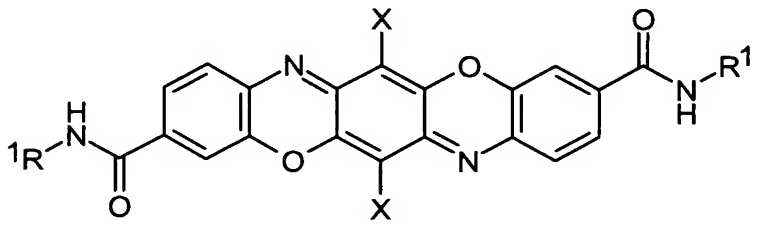
Amendments to the Claims:

1) (Original) A triphendioxazine pigment of formula (I)



(I)

where

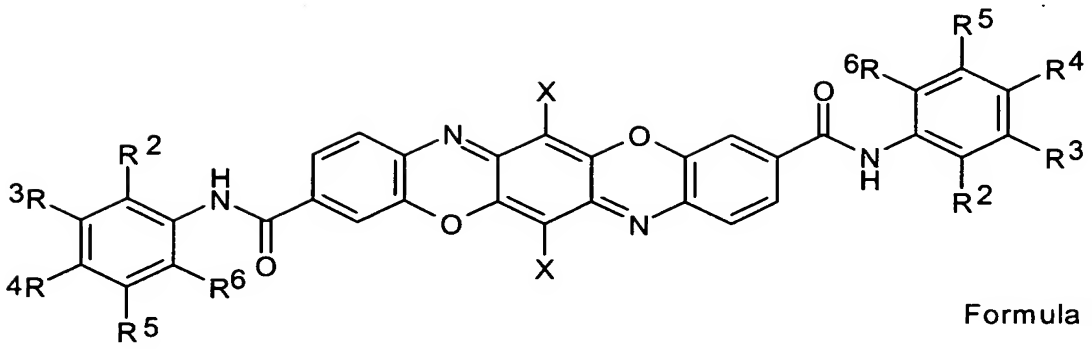
X is hydrogen or chlorine, and

R^1 is phenyl substituted with 1 to 5 radicals selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_4-alkyl, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, acetylamino, aminocarbonyl, methylaminocarbonyl and C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl;

or is phenyl fused 2,3- or 3,4- with a bivalent radical of the formula -NH-$(CO)_m$–NR^2-, -CR^2=CH-CO-NH-, -CR^2=N-CO-NH-, -CO-NH-CO-NR^2-, -CO-$(NH)_m$–CO- or -O-$(CO)_m$–NH- to form a five- or six-membered ring,

where R^2 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or phenyl and m is 1 or 2.

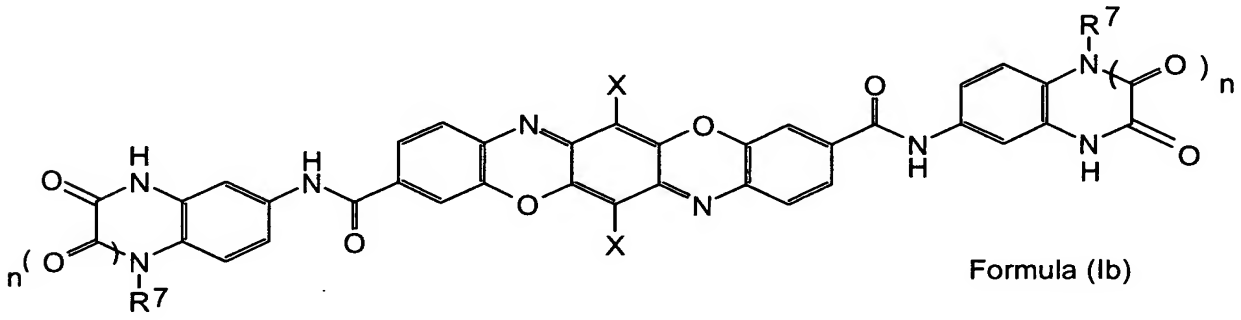
2) (Currently Amended) A triphendioxazine pigment according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ wherein formula (1) is formula (Ia),



Formula (Ia)

~~where~~ wherein R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6, are independently hydrogen, halogen, ~~especially chlorine,~~ C_1-C_4-alkyl, ~~especially methyl or ethyl,~~ or C_1-C_4-alkoxy, ~~especially methoxy or ethoxy, although~~ with the proviso that R^2, R^3 and R^4 are not all hydrogen.

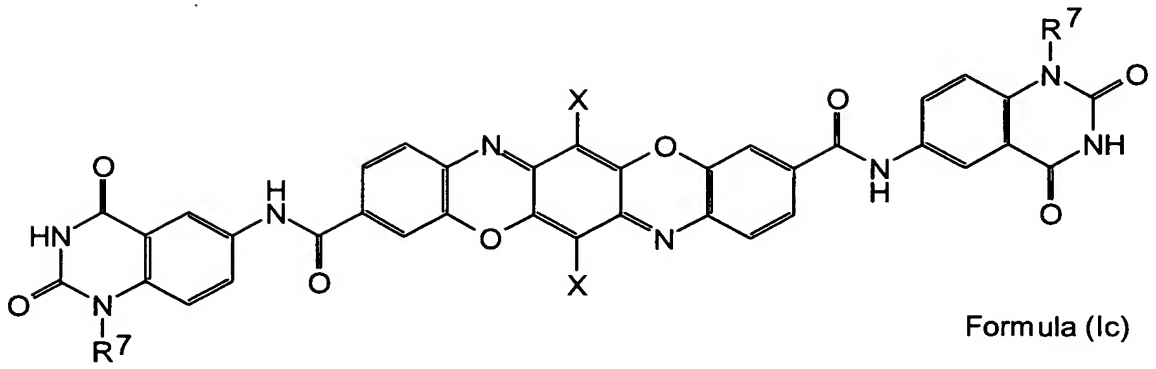
3) (Currently Amended) A triphendioxazine pigment according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ wherein formula (1) is formula (Ib),



Formula (Ib)

where R^7 is hydrogen, phenyl or C_1-C_4-alkyl, ~~especially methyl or ethyl,~~ and n is 0 or 1.

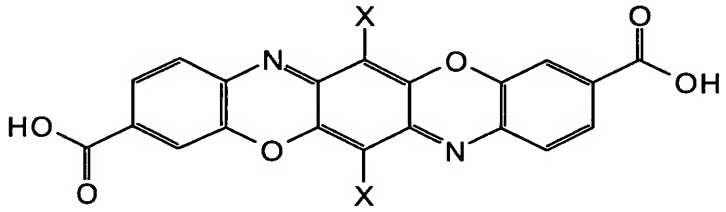
4) (Currently Amended) A triphendioxazine pigment according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ wherein formula (I) is formula (Ic),



Formula (Ic)

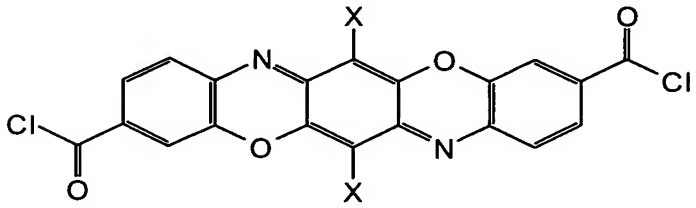
where R^7 is hydrogen, phenyl or C_1-C_4-alkyl~~, especially methyl or ethyl~~.

5) (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a triphendioxazine pigment according to ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4, which comprises~~ claim 1, comprising the step of reacting a compound of formula (III)



(III)

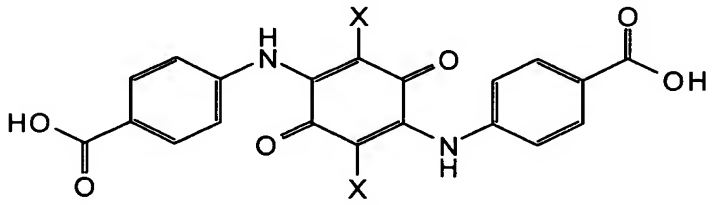
with an inorganic acid chloride to form an acid chloride of formula (IV)



(IV)

and condensing the acid chloride of formula (IV) ~~latter~~ with an aromatic amine of the formula NH_2-R^1 in an aprotic organic solvent.

6) (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 5 ~~wherein the intermediate~~ further comprising the step of forming the compound of formula (III) ~~is effected~~ by ring closure of a compound of formula (II)



(II)

in concentrated sulfuric acid and using an oxidizing agent.

7) (Currently Amended) ~~The use of a triphendioxazine pigment according to one or more of claims 1 to 4 for pigmenting~~A macromolecular organic ~~materials~~ material of natural or synthetic origin pigmented with a triphendioxazine pigment according to claim 1.

8) (Currently Amended) The macromolecular organic material of natural or synthetic origin ~~use~~ according to claim 7, wherein the macromolecular organic material of natural or synthetic origin ~~for pigmenting~~ is selected from the group consisting of plastics, resins, coatings, paints, electrophotographic toners, electrophotographic ~~and~~ developers, electret materials, color filters, inks, ~~including~~ printing inks, and seed.

9) (New) A triphendioxazine pigment according to claim 2, wherein R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6, are independently chlorine, methyl, ethyl, methoxy or ethoxy.

10) (New) A triphendioxazine pigment according to claim 3, wherein R^7 is methyl or ethyl.

11) (New) A triphendioxazine pigment according to claim 4, wherein R^7 is methyl or ethyl.